## The Daughter of David Kerr

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Glocia Kerr, a motheriess girl, who has spent most of her life in school, arrives at her father's home in Belmont. David Kerr is the political boss of the town, and is anxious to prevent his daughter learning of his real character. Kendall, representing the Chicago packers, is nesotiating with Judge Gilbert, Kerr's chief adviser, for a valuable franchise. They fear the opposition of Joe Wright, editor of the reform paper. Kerr asks the assistance of Judge Gilbert in introducing Gloria to Belmont society, and promises to help him put through the packers' franchise and let him have all the graft. Gloria meets Joe Wright at the Gilberts. It appears they are on intimate terms, having met previously on a touring party in Europe. The Gilberts invite Gloria to stay with them pending the refurnishing of the Kerr home. Wright begins his fight against the proposed franchise in the columns of his paper, the Belmont News. Kerr, through his henchmen, exerts every influence to hamper Wright in the obblication of his paper. Gloria takes up cettlement work. Kerr and his lieutenanta decide to buy Kerr's paper and ask the editor to meet them at Gilbert's office, calling at Gilbert's office to solicit a docation Gloria meets Wright. He proposes and is accepted while waiting to be called into the conference. Wright refuses to sell his paper and declares he will fight to a finish. The Belmont News appears with a bitter attack on Kerr. Gloria calls Wright a coward and refuses to listen to any explanation from him. Broken-hearted, Gloria decides to plunge more deeply into settlement work. She calls on a sick grafter. Sounds of a conflict are heard in the coam over Ella's. Gloria finds Wright unconscious a victim of an attempted assassination by thugs in the pay of the political ring. She hides him in Ella's room and defice the thuse she heard in the coam over Ella's. Gloria finds Wright unconscious a victim of an attempted assassination by thugs in the pay of the political ring. She hides him in the room over Ella's. Gloria, who then

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Nothing of a personal nature had been allowed to help contribute to this success. No mention had been made in the News of the assault on its editor in Mike Noonan's lodging house. because to Wright it had appeared as a personal matter. The day previous Gloria had denounced him and cried aloud for vengeance. He recognized that had Gloria not been mixed up in the affair the result might have been the same, but the personal element was what made him hold his peace,

The news that the day had been carried for good government was only a temporary intoxicant. There were a few moments of exhibaration when his real feelings were submerged in the general rejoicing that David Kerr had been given a more severe set-back than he had ever before received. Then came the ebb of the tide, leaving him on the desolate shore of disheartening uncertainty. The past was a nightmare and the future a blank.

The tumult and the cheers had died away, the brass bands at last were stilled, his sitting-room with two windows on the street and its own private dows on the street and its own private entrance had been cleared of tobacco smoke, and the reception he had beld when it was learned the election had gone his way was at an end, when Joe Wright sat himself down alone in the quiet of the first hours of the morning to take stock of his future. Gloria? What of her?

It was always Gloria, Gloria, Cloria, running through his mind, knocking at the door of his beart.

Always of the Gloria who had spurned him, he thought, for he knew nothing of the part she had played in the lodging house. It was not a situation to contemplate with equanimity -this living in the same town with the woman he loved madly. Were Belmont of some size, a city like St. Louis or Pittsburgh, there would be the probability that their paths would seldom



"That Surely Was a Raw Frame-Up They Handed You."

cross. Yet in Beimont everyone knew overyone else and never a week passed

avoid Gloria altogether. He was frank like. I'm going to get that wise about the same town with her meant that he cut of politics." could not give her up. Yet he knew ! that any overtures he might make all say-the day after?" would be worse than useless. He felt that her prejudice was such that there could never be established that bond to me for the last two days." without which matrimony is unholy. The ruffled pool may again be calm. the misted mirror may again be clear, yet he believed in her ignorance she would feel that when two hearts but down in the river wards, and that once have broken troth there is no surely was a raw frame-up they bandalchemy that love distills can make ed you. She got onto it, and she's the past to live again and the dead dead sore." present as though it had not been

his conviction of what he should do thur Morrison what little he knew. the more Wright was convinced that This was the first intimation coming by Nature sufficiently clothed and covthere was but one course for him to from the ring that they even knew of pursue: it would be best for him to the occurrence. The newspaper man leave Belmont. This would be not for was curious to know the ring version

mont in search of that magical flower, something about it."

Having made up his mind, Wright went to bed, but not to sleep. The few remaining hours of darkness he rolled and tossed. It was not the bruises he had received in the fight at Noonan's that kept him awake, annoying as they had been found was still in a delirious been made at her command. Now she were. It was always the one thought -Gloria, Gloria, Gloria.

Morning brought diversions which slightly relieved the tension. There were two editorials to be written upon the political situation. This was folthe newspaper broker announcing you?" that the News was for sale. He did not dictate this to his secretary, but wrote it out laboriously in long-hand.

The morning was more than half over when he began to pack. It was but Dr. Norton claimed he knew noth-Wright's intention to leave Belmont ing that night, ostensibly on a vacation for the purpose of recuperation after

The many steps necessitated in right.' packing taught him how weak he was, and after lunch he called in Patty, the him. They had always been the best so, the visitor asked, thinking of Glofriends, and her sorrow when she ria the while: learned he was going away on a long vacation was genuine. The child was now that you're going on a vacation. of much assistance, bringing all the or would you like me to deliver anysmaller things from the living room | messages?" into the bedroom where the real work f packing was being done.

When the packing was about comsleted the little girl remembered that searching for it in a pile of clothing beside Wright's trunk she felt somehing hard. To satisfy her curiosity ure of a young woman. It was a picure of Gloria which had appeared in weekly society paper,

ictures in old newspapers, and as she parted in Judge Gilbert's office. rought Gloria's picture, she exclaimed riumphantly, "Here's another picture, swered, "and I'm not talking business.

Wright had put it aside surreptilously when packing the things he market for his clients. and planned to take with him for imminute there had been a debate in his good luck to you on your vacation." mind as to whether or not he would steamer trunk

"It's extremely good of you to find that picture," the man remarked with the gravity he sometimes assumed in treating Patty as one of equal years and understanding; "I doubt if I should have found it."

"I was hunting for my dolly, and looked under a pile of things and found the pretty picture lady," She gazed at the picture of Gloria admir-

"Really, Patty, you astonish me! Your perspicacity is exceeded only by your perseverance. I don't think I should ever have found that picture. Just leave it on the table there, and don't-if you love me-lose your golly any more, please; at least not until all my things are securely packed."

Patty was just on the point of asking the name of the young woman who had so taken her fancy, when the doorbell rang. With the announcement that no one was at home and she had to answer the bell, she scampered off

Wright picked up the picture and gazed at it intently. He was sacrificing all for her. Was the sacrifice worth while? The question would have been an idle one. He loved her. had never loved anyone else and never would love anyone else. No sacrifice was too great which would mean any increased happiness for her. The sound of same one being brought to his rooms by Patty caused him to put the picture hastily face downward on the table. The door opened to admit Dr. Hayes.

"Good afternoon, Mr. Wright." he exlaimed cordially as he came forward AND HONEY STILL IS THERE with hand outstretched. "I hope you'll et, an opponent drop in to congratulate you on winning the election" The editor's face lit up with pleas-

tre as they clasped hands. "Thank you, old man. It's awfully good of you to stop by before I started on a little vacation. The News won its fight; but of course we can't expect this to be the end of the contest, can

The coroner shook his head dolefully.

"Don't ask me. I've ceased to be but what they all met at least in pass- political prophet. 'Do you think it's be a boy, doe? they ask. I don't ft would be impossible for him to know, says I, shaking my head solemo enough to acknowledge to himself that politics. I don't prophesy anything he would undoubtedly seek those now until after it happens. But I places where there would be some cer never thought I'd live to see the day tainty of his meeting her. To be in that Belmont would go against us. I'm

Wright smiled, "Isn't that what they "It's the truth this time. My wife has done nothing but read the riot pet

"I imagine Mrs. Hayes is a purist in politics."

"Well, I can't blame her," the doctor admitted. "She's been poking around

Wright had discussed the affair The harder he tried to fight against with Dr. Norton and had also told Ar-

Copyright by A. C. McClurg & Co., 1912. do through a broker. He was quite | "What was Mrs. Hayes' connection | volving in her mind just what she willing to let it go at a sacrifice, to with that-ah-little episode?" he ought to do. She knew that her father lose what he had himself put into it, asked. "I gathered from Dr. Norton | meant Wright harm. Pride and maidso anxious was he to escape from Bel- that in some way or other she knew enly reserve wrestled with what she

ment. Miss Kerr had never uttered a foreve she should warn this man who the others, that both Wright and she on his guard against her own father. were the only ones who could tell the It cut her like a knife to think that story. The woman in whose room they the attack on the editor had really nothing could be learned from her. affairs stood. Although Kerr had ordered the police

had been unsuccessful.

manner puzzled him.

"Well, I'll be darned!"

Soon Hayes picked up his hat to go. He stood for an instant, as if inviting explained to the child. little daughter of his landlady, to help Wright to speak. As he did not do

"Is there anything you want to know,

"No, none." Then after a pause, "It

is better so. "Well, I'm off," remarked the dector. He spoke carelessly, to hide his reshe had brought a doil with her. In gret, for at heart he keenly sympathized with the man who was making so strong a fight for a principle that love itself had to give way before it. she drew it forth, to discover, instead | Then he added, apparently as an after-

Patty had helped wrap the framed ted himself since he and Gloria had more critical look showed her many "My vacation has started," he an- apartment. She could not understand

But you can tell Judge Gilbert for me she ventured. that the Belmont News is not on the "All right, I'll tell him," Hayes re-

mediate use. For the fraction of a plied as they shook hands. "Here's smothered exclamation caused her to Wright smiled grimly, the thought be weak enough to carry her picture that good luck would perch upon his ment, stood Joe Wright. She felt her

## CHAPTER XXII.

The morning after the election, Glo- here." ria called for the Banner as soon as she wakened. The headlines told her at once that her father had been de feated. She searched carefully through the paper for some reference to Joe Wright, but no mention was made of him. Naturally enough, the Banner was not in a jubilant mood. It predicted dire things in store for Belmont, but Gloria, remembering what she had learned at so bitter a cest, felt that any change must be for the better. The girl had now recovered from

the first severity of the shock, and was auxious to know for a certainty what had become of Wright. She knew that he lived and was not seriously injured. else there would have been some men tion of him in the paper. The day previous she had thought much of him, nation that he was moving. but there had been much else for her to think of Now with a return to what was to be for her the normal, "Since you would not come to see me she wanted to know how he fared All the morning Gloria spent in re-

considered her duty. Her conscience Dr. Hayes stared at him in amaze- told her that before she left Belmont word, yet he readily believed, as did once had loved her. He must be placed condition at the city hospital and could do no less than tell him how

Dr. Hayes could scarcely conceal his to bring in Ryan and Kelly, the search surprise when Gloria followed him into the hall after luncheon and asked "What!" gasped Dr. Hayes, "don't about Mr. Wright's condition. He told lowed by conferences with men on you know how you got out of that her that he still kept to his room, but the paper, and then came the letter to mess and why the thugs didn't finish was reported as improving. Before he could frame a question, Gloria Wright shook his head. His visitor's thanked him and fled up the stairs. About three o'clock she emerged from "I don't know a thing. I think some her room, dressed for the street, and one helped me in some way or other, announced to Mrs. Hayes that she was

going for a short walk alone, What the daughter of David Kerr told her hostess was the truth. She "Don't; there's no occasion for it did go for a short walk, a walk that the hard campaign. The owner of the now-you're out of politics. The first took her in the most direct way to the News felt, however, that he would nev- thing I knew was when I heard Dr. house where Joe Wright resided. The Norton say, 'He's coming to, all door was opened for her by a little gir! who invited her to enter.

"I wish to see Mr. Wright," Gloria

"I'll take you to his sitting-room. He told me to bring anybody in that came to see him, and to tell 'em he'd be back in a minute."

All was silence in the room when the little girl threw wide the door and bade her enter.

'Then he's not in the house, you "No, he's gone to get a baggageman, but he said to wait," Patty insisted.

"Whom did he wish to wait?" "Oh, anybody. He said somebody's coming to pack his books. He hurt himself and can't bend over the box." "Oh!" cried Gloria, with a little gasp of her doll, that it was a framed pic- thought, "By the way, I believe that of pain. She remembered all too well offer for your paper still holds good." the hurt of which he complained. Then Wright laughed, the little world- at the same time came a new thought, weary lough he had sometimes permit- why was he packing his books? A evidences that he was giving up his

"Is Mr. Wright moving everything?

"Yes, he's going away." Gioria gazed at the child in surprise, not quite grasping what she said. A look up quickly. There, staring at her from the doorway in honest amage-

"Miss Kerr! You here!" he gasped. Then in an instant he went on in an even, conventional tone, "I beg your pardon, I scarcely expected to find you

"No, I-I-I scarcely expected to find myself here, but here I am." As she said this she extended her hands, then dropped them, a gesture which seemed to typify the simplicity with which the visit had been accomplished. Wright readily recognized that there was some motive in the call, and dis-

him know if anyone asked for him. "Won't you sit down?" he begged. remembering his duty as host. "Thank you, I haven't a moment to

missed Patty with instructions to let

Wright looked about for a chair, to and them filled with odds and ends of things intended to be packed. The girl nsisted that she preferred to stand. and listened to his apology for the appearance of the room and the expla-

"I learned at luncheon that you were going away," she acknowledged. I had to come to see you.'

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Californian's Attempt to Rob Hive Resulted in His Losing Fourteen

Chickens.

Arthur J. Holmes, a Beresford (Cal.) farmer, whose establishment is near the summer home of Antoine Borel, was not cut out for a bee fancier. Some time ago while pruning some trees on his farm, Arthur was verjeyed to discover a colony of bees enscenced in a hollow limb, busily engaged in making honey.

Recently he decided that the time was ripe to sample this unexpected luxury, so he proceeded to the tree and began operations by poking in the hole with a large stick. Then things

The bees, alarmed and angered at this treatment, came forth to do battle, and in a trice Arthur was hitting the high spots for home, followed by the buzzing swarm. An hour later he thought it safe to come out again, and cautiously approached the bee tree. which was near the chicken pen Stark and stiff in the inclosure lay fourteen newly hatched chickens. The bees, having lost their human prey. had wreaked their vengeance upon the defenseless chicks.

Why Wear Clothes?

Therefore it is that I believe, that as plants, trees and animals and all things that have life are seen to be ered to defend them from the injuries of the weather, so were we; but as small boy was very fond of the des-those who by artificial light put out serts served. After finishing his dirbe necessary for him to disthe opportunity to approach the matthat of the day, so we by borrowed ner he waited for a time that of the day, so we by borrowed ner he waited for a time to the opportunity to approach the matthe opportunity to approach the matthe waited for a time to the day, so we by borrowed ner he waited for a time to the day, so we by borrowed ner he waited for a time to the day, so we by borrowed ner he waited for a time to the day, so we by borrowed ner he waited for a time to the day, so we by borrowed ner he waited for a time to the day, so we by borrowed ner he waited for a time to the day, so we by borrowed ner he waited for a time to the day.

This would be not for all time.

seen that 'tis custom only which renders that impossible that otherwise is nothing so; for of those nations who maye no manner knowledge of clothing, some are aftuated under the same temperature as we are, and some in much colder climates. And besides. our most fender parts are always exposed to the air, as the eyes, mouth. nose and ears. Had we been born with a necessity upon us of wearing petticonts and breeches there is no doubt but Nature would have fortifled those parts she intended should be exposed to the fury of the seasons with a thicker skin, as she has done finger ends and the soles of the feet .- Montaigne.

Trouble at the Crossin'. "Hullo, Cyrus. How's things over to th' Crossin'?

Pretty duberous. We got a race "Yep. Couple o' Swedes from Wis consin started a market garden on th

north-rd. "Well? "The board o' selectmen held a meetin' right away an' passed a anty-

alien act.

"Well, well!" "Yep. Peleg Brown has writ to Guv Johnson of Californy, askin' how to enforce it. An' ever'body in town is

wonderin'. "Wonderin' what?" "Ef Sweden is goin' to declare war."

He Knew What He Meant. We were visiting a cousin whose



Hail to the Chief!

Jones had not wanted to go to the to impress us with how little we gregarious feast where the speeches know, strung out endlessly. Circumstances obliged him to stay. The speeches were strung out partly because the chiefest and dullest orator was not expected until late. Finally he came, and there was a rush of committeemen to escort him to his place.

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